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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Present: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Bissell, Mr. Amory,
Colonel White, General Truscott, Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Helms, Mr. Gates Lloyd, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Sheldon,
Dr. Kent, Mr. Fitzgerald (part of meeting),

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Mr. Fitzgerald briefed on the current status of CIA operations in and noted that Mr. Scott of State and Colonel Lansdale of Defense would receive similar briefings this morning. The Director stated he also intended to call Secretary Herter and General Twining. A discussion was then held as to what action should be taken to

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Fitzgerald undertook to provide the Director a list for his use should he meet with the Secretary of State and a representative of the Department of Defense.

MR. DULLES:

a. Referred to the proposal submitted by Admiral Frost for improving the internal security of the Latin American states by organizing a committee, chaired by the FBI, within the framework of the Inter-American Defense Board, and commented that his initial reaction to this proposal was negative. Mr. Helms pointed out it was the DD/P view, as expressed in a memorandum to the Director from the Chief, CI, that (1) the Inter-American Defense Board was not the vehicle which should be used and (2) any such committee should be chaired by CIA. He said that there was some feeling within DD/P that CIA should not fight this proposal per se but, as indicated above, some other means should be devised to carry it out. The Director commented he could not visualize any free exchange of information between the several Latin American countries on Communist intentions and capabilities and that a similar committee set up within NATO had, in his opinion, been so much window dressing. The Director went on to say that possibly this proposal could be turned around where the participants could furnish information such as they might have on international

Communism but he did not see the IADB acting as a repository. After some further discussion, it was agreed that representatives from the CI Staff would be present this afternoon for the USIB briefing and also would bring material on what has been accomplished by the NATO committee.

b. Noted a memorandum from [] of ONE pointing out that, in general, he believed overt employees should be allowed to continue previously-established contact with Soviet nationals in the U. S. The Director said this apparently came up as the result of an invitation received by [] to attend the farewell party for a member of the Soviet Embassy who was returning to the USSR and, upon checking this with Security, had been advised against it in view of internal U. S. political considerations, i.e., the fear that a guest list might be published pointing out that a member of CIA was present. The Director said that in most instances he saw no reason our people should not attend such functions and maintain contacts, provided clearance is obtained in advance from the Deputy concerned and/or the DDCI/DCI. He noted that in the case at hand, Security was only carrying out its duties but he felt that this was a policy matter to be decided upon by higher authority. Note: Mr. Amory had not seen the [] memo and it had only been brought to Dr. Kent's attention after the fact. It was therefore agreed that future cases would be "checked out" with Security and the CI Staff before requesting approval of the Deputy concerned.

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GENERAL CABELL:

Commented that he felt the time was coming when this agency would be called upon to undertake paramilitary operations in Cuba and asked Mr. Bissell to discuss this matter with Chief, WH.

MR. AMORY:

Referred to the Director's objection to the SECRET classification placed on the CIA publication, "Soviet Men of Science," and noted that, by and large, the information contained in this book had been obtained from classified sources. The Director asked that nevertheless consideration be given to reducing the classification and commented he had asked Mr. Kirkpatrick to look into this matter. Action: DD/I and IG to discuss with DD/P since most of the information obtained by clandestine methods.

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